Boston. Dec 11. 1839.

Tuesday evening.

Dear Deborah,

To day I sealed up a letter or rather parcelage for you via Weymouth. Maria and Henry went to another Liberator meeting at the office where it was finally decided to leave the matter to a reference that is Knapp is to lease the Liberator to the Committee and it is to be left to three men Tom Jackson, John S. Williams and S. E. Sewall. Henry went out of town about 4. Maria brought Dr Farnsworth & Mr & Mrs Child up to tea. Collins called. We had a very good tea and an agreeable time. After tea Mary came & then Caroline from Roxbury. All but the Dr who went home departed for Dr Follen's lecture. It was quite an interesting one, the best part of it being a sketch of the Reformation in Switzerland - Wednesday evening - I somewhat expected Aunt Priscilla but she did not come. Maria & I were busy part of the forenoon packing up things for N. to take to Lynn. She left with Mrs Loring about noon & I went to W. Sargents to make a call - She & Catherine signed the color petition but Miss Haliburton who was there refused - This afternoon I called on Mary Farnsworth but she was out, then I went to Nancy Alden's to call on Elisa Bin Son who has you know lost her lover - [redacted] - Elisa came in having been out, in deep mourning, long veil etc. She was very happy to see me, and shewed me Mr Cole's miniature, a very ugly affair but she liked it. She accompanied me to the door & there poured forth all her soul, to any cost, for it was on the step stone and I took cold hearing her. She said he was all that her imagination had ever painted with regard to domestic felicity and how much her happiness was involved

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in it no one could tell. but she could say "I opened not my mouth because it was Thou who did it." She seemed to long to tell me every thing she had in her mind & begged me to come & make her a visit & finally I agreed to walk over to Roxbury with her as she had some friends of Case's to call on there. I then called at Channing Pl. All well & glad to see me. When I got back I found Maria had arrived. She had a good meeting at Lynn & found the Society in a better state than she had supposed. Her dinner at William Bassett's was of course fine - Elizabeth Pease writes to Wm Bassett that she is going to make a stir in England to make the Friends there testify against American Friends at whatever peril to herself, from which Maria infers that she may perhaps be excommunicated from them. We have all been this evening to a meeting at the Marlboro' hall no 2, where we had quite a spirited time. All the faithful had assembled by private invite and it was settled that the contribution weekly plan should be adopted and 22 persons, including Maria Caroline & I agreed to keep boxes & get 16 people weekly to give some thing. Edmund took a box as did Mrs Mennin Mrs South wick, F. Jackson and others to the number I have stated. The Monthly concert is to be reestablished & Collins chosen a committee to attend to it. Also some thing was done about petitioning. It was quite a good meeting. Thursday. Mr Collins called - I hoped to have gone petitioning but did not because of the weather. The abolition it cases. I fear that Angelina Grimke will stand neuter to the piece about our Society or that Review of my piece, & yet I should hardly think she could be so vile - I am astonished that E. Wright published all that letter, but I think it is better than we could have hoped. Mary called in the afternoon and in the evening

Foster & Jackson. Foster has got 100 subscribers for the Liberator. Jackson seemed in good spirits, said he was going to Barnstable with Collins. There is to be a county meeting there. Broadburn is laboring in that county. This morning (Friday) I have been petitioning. Mary is going at it hammer & tongs. She has worked hard. E. Quincy called here a moment to day. He goes to Hartford at the meeting of the 18th E. G. Lovejoy may go. Maria has received a letter from A. Kelly imploring her strongly to come as she thinks there will be difficulty about the woman question.
Your letter came yesterday afternoon. Maria says you must use your own discretion about the things. You can see the screens for $18. the basket for $10 and the pincushion for $3. Most of these alterations are made by me & the docile Maria assents. I think you can do as you please about the little pelisse. Maria thinks from $2.50 to $3.00. You must do all you can to allay the politicide fever there in N. B. M. Mark called this morning but it was while I was out. As soon as I have finished my petitioning I shall go over to Cambridge & make a short visit. I meant to have gone petitioning this afternoon but I look so severe a cold that I must get over it before I dare to go with perfect freedom. I have flying pains in my lungs & chest that admonish me to be careful. I went out with no shawl on & only that cloak that does not shut tight. But after I once get over this I shall be careful. It is the worst part of being so careful 9 times for if you are careless the 10th so much the worse. I shall write every night a little.

Dear Bella

Anny sends her love.

Ann G. Chapman.

And Henry and his & says you must buy him some shells.

I will send Maria's cloth when I get it. Send by the stage as you designed. with love to all

Yrs Anne

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